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STAGE TWO:
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B

SCREEECH

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Inertia

STAGE FOUR:
Ennui

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STAGE SIX:
Bored to Death!



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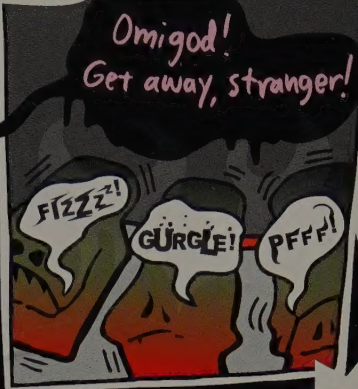
Strange Sauce

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Say goodbye to bland and boring with Strange Sauce!





Drop Out!

Have a nice drip!

Save Yourself!

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HomieZ

VF



Eat to the beat!

Drop dead!

No brain, No pain!

Gimme that!



How sad ...another **OVER-GROSS.**

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Shake
Shake
Shake!

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Liver Skewer



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Monster Pacifier



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HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

The clouds are sooo boring today!



SMILES? A MARSHMALLOW?
Where are the dragons?
Where are the burning buildings?



Maybe it's me...
I should try a new point of view.



Give me a break!



This isn't working...



What's the matter with you, clouds?

Maybe your imagination is broken.

...I see what
you mean.

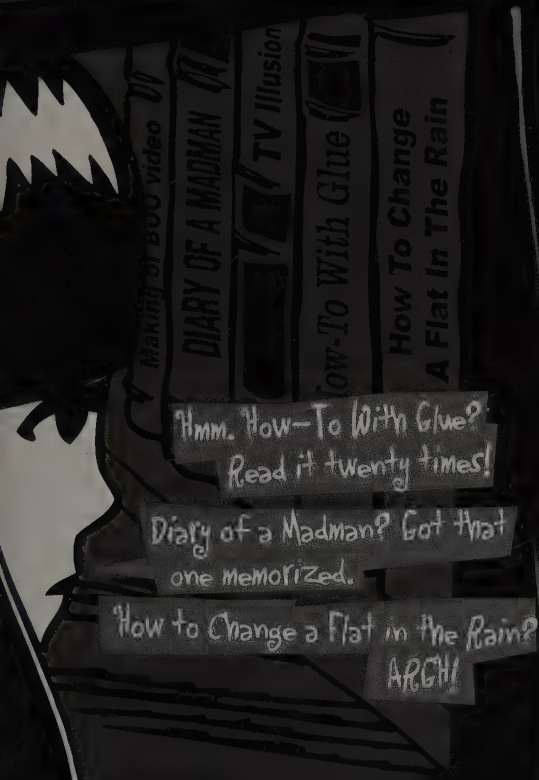
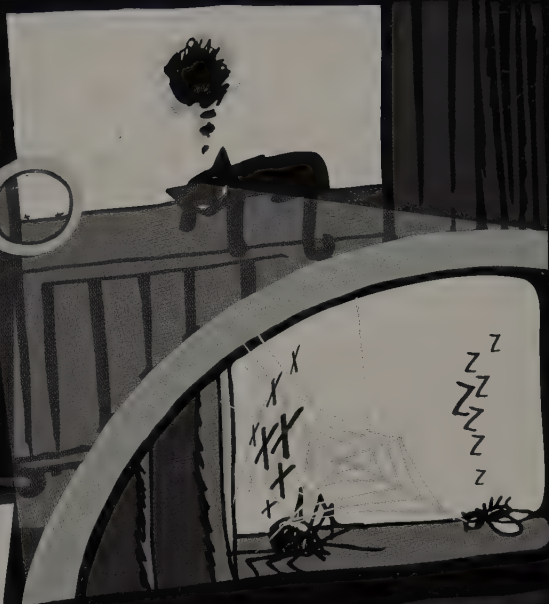
I've gotta get
my head back
in the clouds.



BORED to DEATH



It was a terrible, horrible,
no good, very boring day.
Even the blowflies were BORED TO DEATH.



Hmm. How-To With Glue?
Read it twenty times!

Diary of a Madman? Got that
one memorized.

How to Change a Flat in the Rain?
ARGH!

I could count the crickets... Nah.

Patch parachutes? Ugh.

Invoke the spirit of Meehmot
for some infernal conversation?

Er...

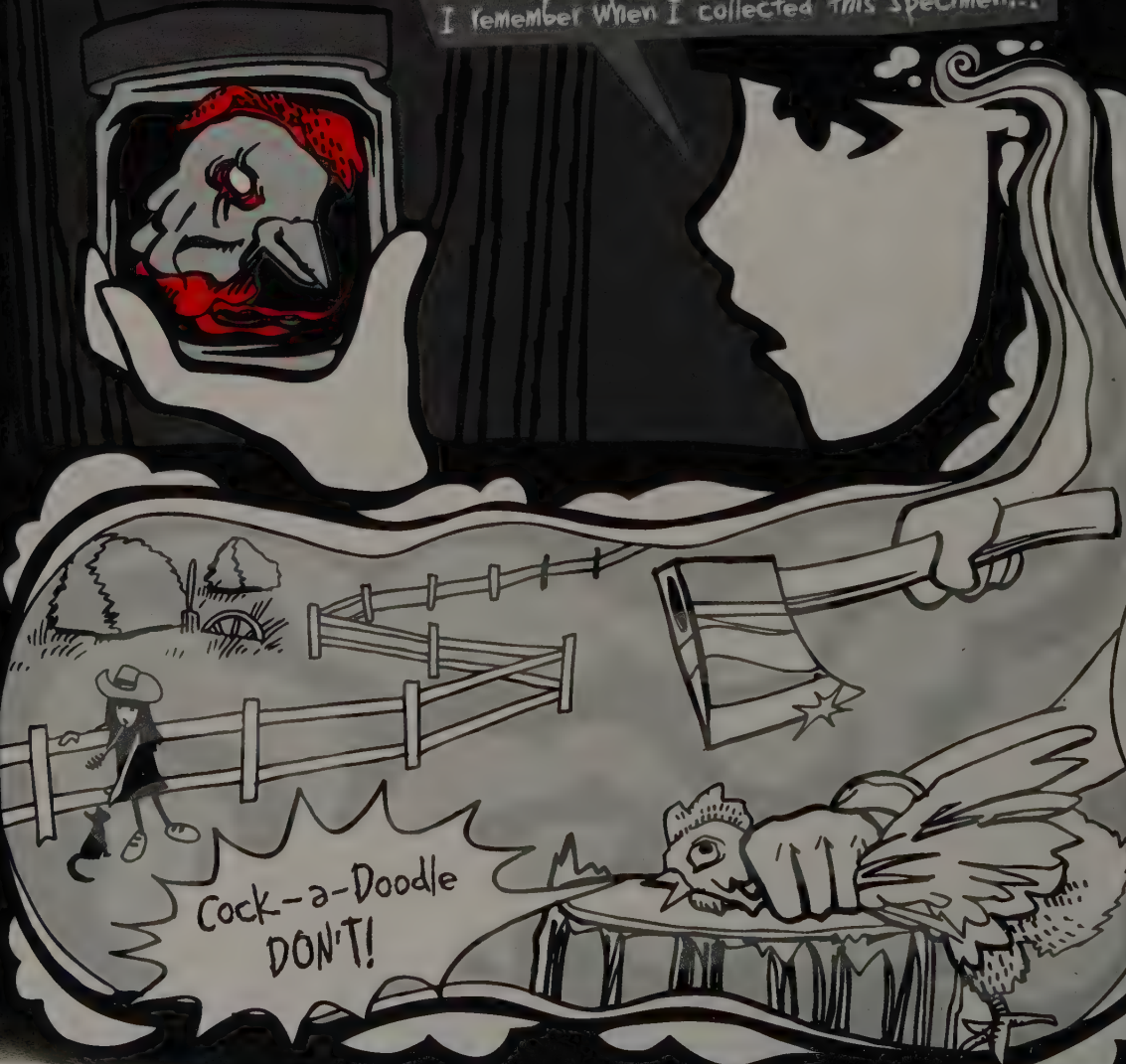
I'm just not in the mood...



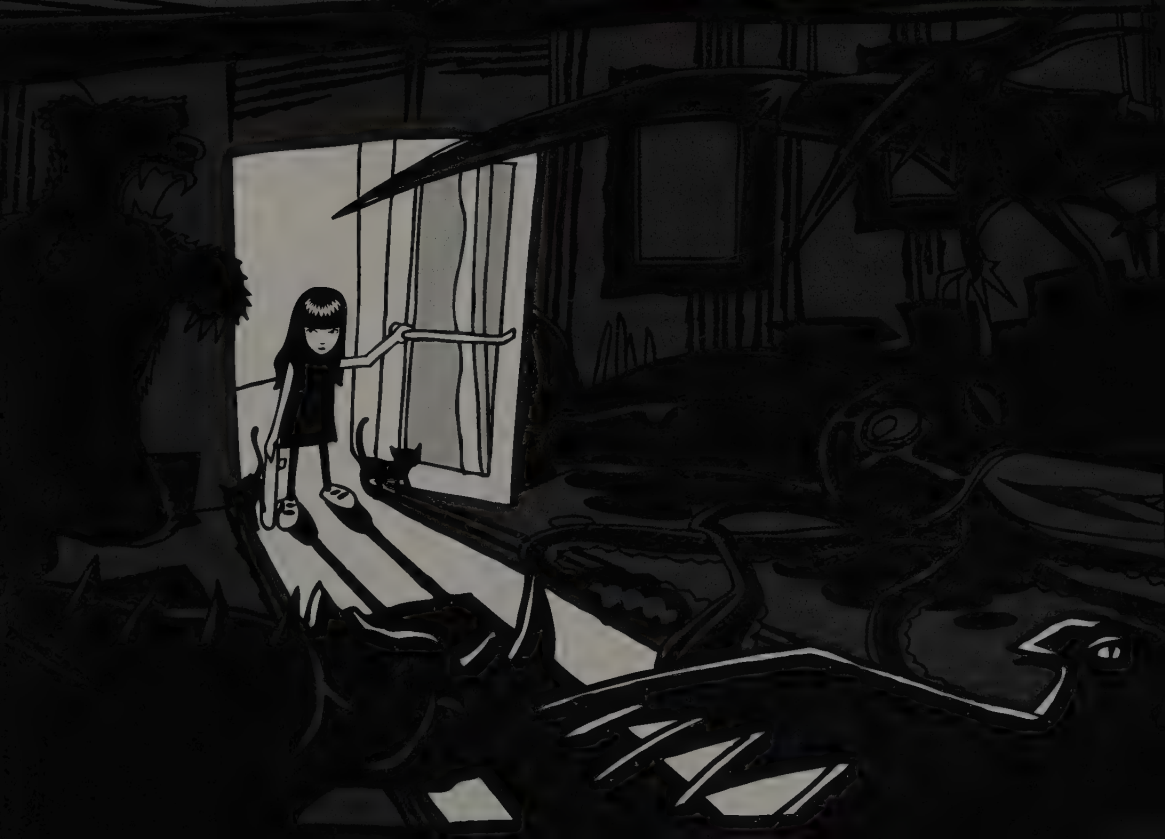
I'm so bored to death today.
I'm even bored OF death.



I remember when I collected this specimen...



Cock-a-Doodle
DON'T!



BAT AND
REPTILE ROOM

NEW ARRIVALS

Huh... usually my favorite room,
but today it's as boring as everything else!

BACK COUNTER

What's up,
Rex?

ate breakfast, read my mail,
sorted some socks,
took out the trash,

came to work,

and I've been pulling,

cat guts all day.

Thinking of lunch.
Why, what's wrong, Emily?

Well...
my alarm went off,
hit snooze twice,

Hootie came on,
I showered,

I need shampoo,



I gotta get outta here.



Oops!



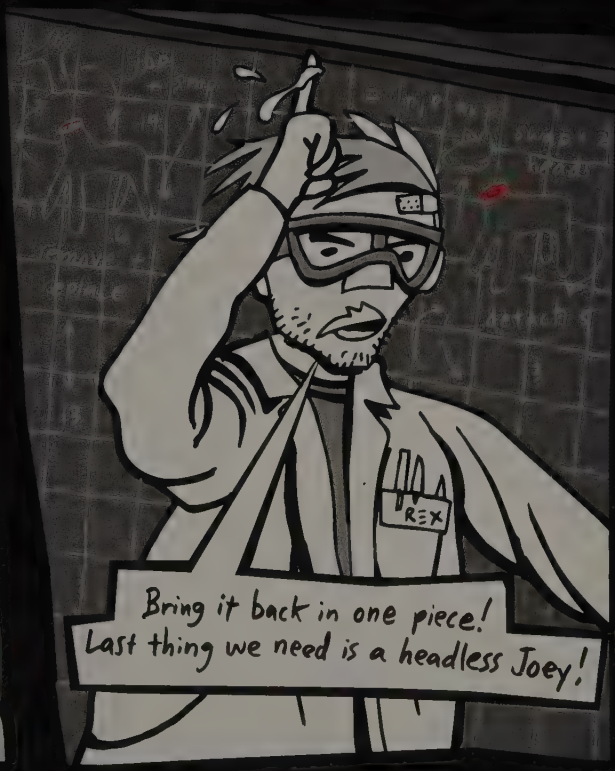
Uh oh.



Hmmm m...

Don't worry,
Rex, I'll fix it.

See ya!



Bring it back in one piece!
Last thing we need is a headless Joey!

Two days later...

Finally, some life around here!

It looks like the experiment has been a complete success!

The world's first Kangaroooster!

Cock a Doodle Roo!



the
Damned
Another Strange Interview

David
Captain
Patricia
Pinch
Monty

What are you listening to?

Listen for yourself.

Well?

Hmmm, that's either John Cage's 4'33" or your batteries are flat.

RIP ELOISE



Why are you guys playing
croquet in a graveyard in
the middle of the night?

because it is easier
than archery.

What do you see
in those shadows?

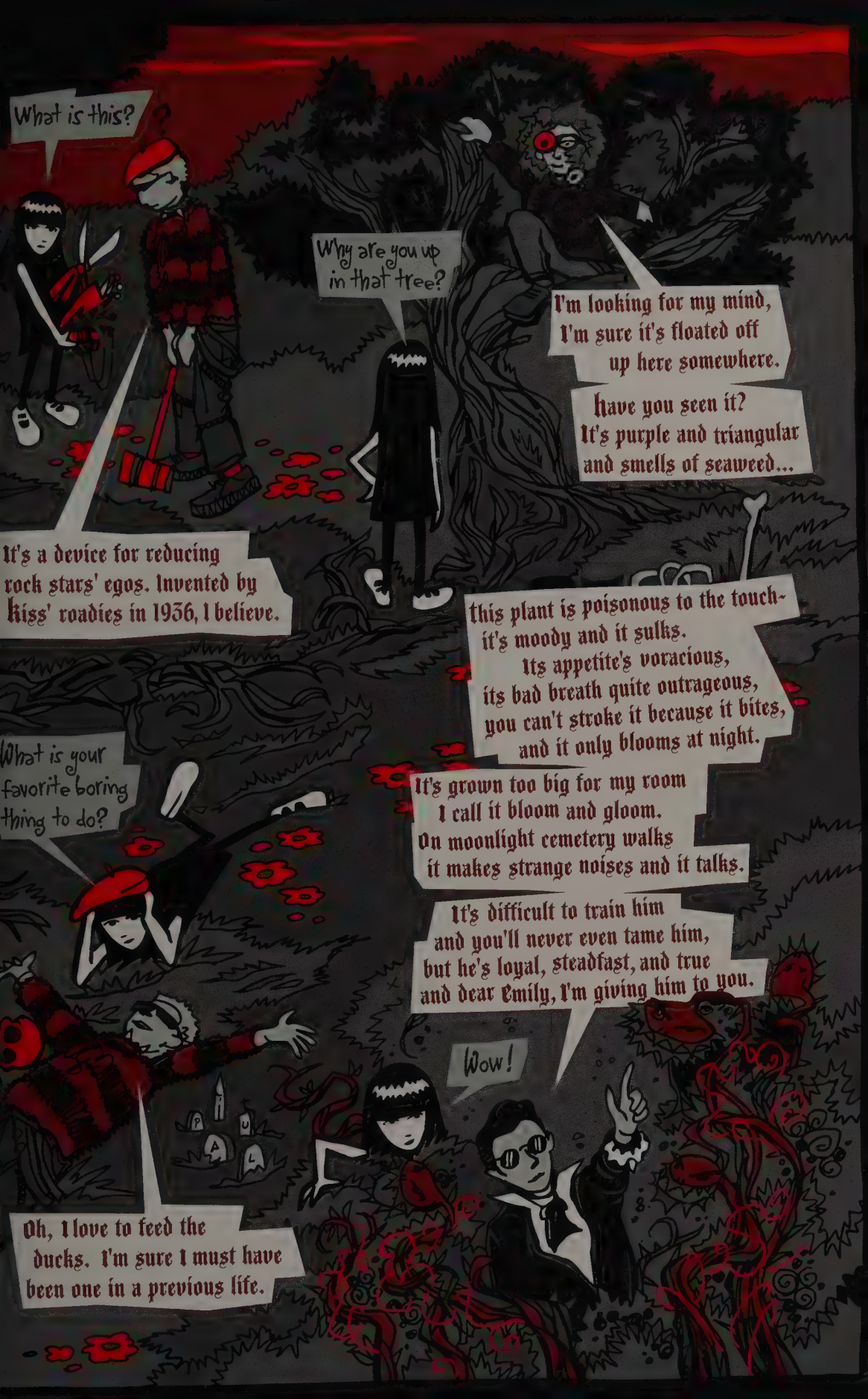
Illumination,
inspiration, and
someone called bob!

What are your opinions
on reality?

Have you ever
been to the moon?

Oh yes, but not in the
biblical sense of course.

I have none,
I've never been
subject to it.



What is this?

Why are you up
in that tree?

I'm looking for my mind,
I'm sure it's floated off
up here somewhere.

Have you seen it?
It's purple and triangular
and smells of seaweed...

It's a device for reducing
rock stars' egos. Invented by
Kiss' roadies in 1936, I believe.

What is your
favorite boring
thing to do?

this plant is poisonous to the touch-
it's moody and it sulks.

Its appetite's voracious,
its bad breath quite outrageous,
you can't stroke it because it bites,
and it only blooms at night.

It's grown too big for my room
I call it bloom and gloom.
On moonlight cemetery walks
it makes strange noises and it talks.

It's difficult to train him
and you'll never even tame him,
but he's loyal, steadfast, and true
and dear Emily, I'm giving him to you.

Wow!

Oh, I love to feed the
ducks. I'm sure I must have
been one in a previous life.

What's the hurry?

Got to keep in time.

What are you doing?

What's your name, kid?

Emiwee...
ga goo goo, gnaw ga.

Digging up an old friend.

What would you put into
a nice cup of tea
to turn it into
a Strange Brew?

Why...
Strangers of course.

Venusian cucumber
flaming moon chilies
and amoeba extract.

Frank Zappa.

A mibsworth of ink from
the pens of
Edgar allen Poe,
Charles Addams,
& Edward Gorey.

A close friend,
to give it body.





Do we have time for a song—
before you guys have to go to sleep?

Yeah, sure!

Darkness holds a power
that you won't find in the day!

Wait for the blackout at OfficialDamned.com!

(The Damned's answers were actual replies to Emily's queries)

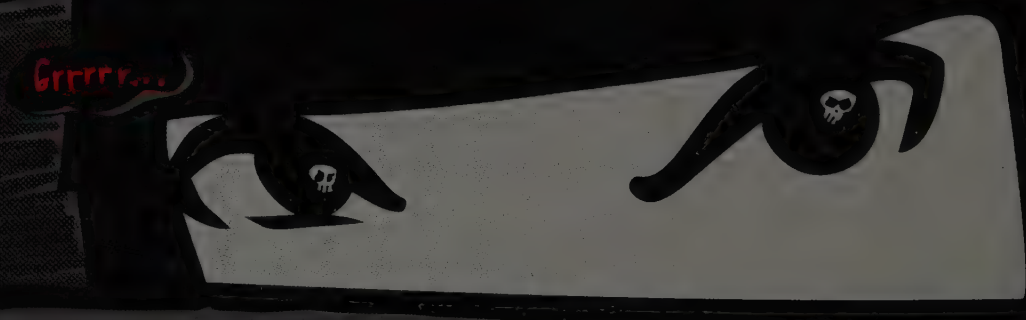


GROWIN' UP?



Your plant
needs sunlight.

And water.



You're wasting your time.

That'll never work!



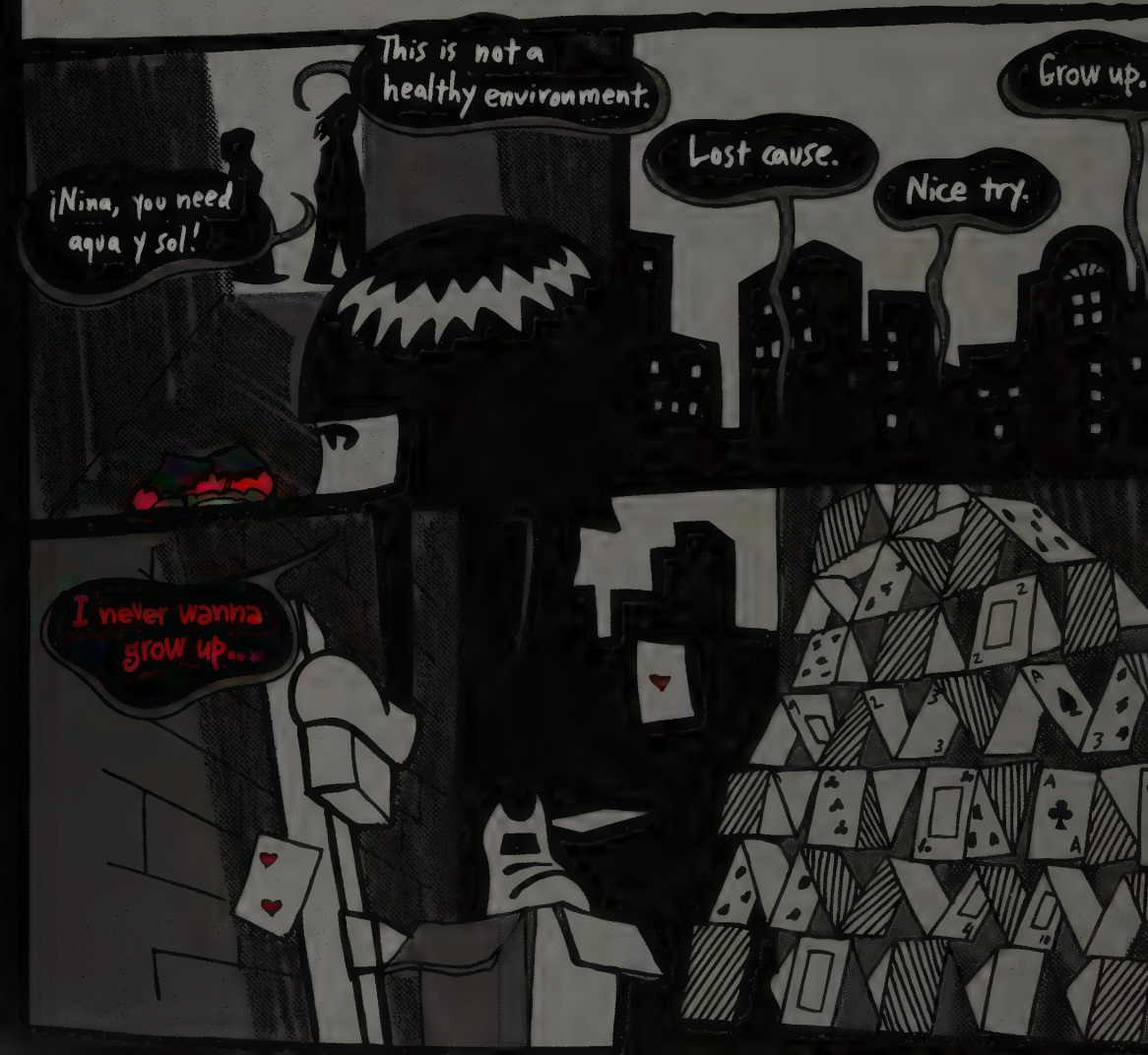
What do you think you're doing?

Yeah, what are you doing?

Nunga biz.

It'll
never
grow.







I'M GROWING
DOWN!

No grown-ups
allowed!

EMILY'S UNCONVENTIONAL INVENTIONAL APPARATI

"DEVICE FOR KILLING TIME"

APPARATUS #213





Emily 1 dangles mouse 2 in front of cat 3. Cat's tail twitches as it prepares to destroy its prey, moving matchbox tied to cat's tail 4 swipes match 5 and lights candle 6 which slooooooowly melts. Wax 7 forms ideal slick surface for ants to play 8. Emily wants to see the fun, so she uses a magnifying glass 9 which catches sun 10 and burns string on balloon 11 which floats upward and pops on nail 12. The horrid noise scares bird 13 which flies upward. The bird sees a picture of a scary cat 14 and flaps its wings in fright, losing a feather 15. The feather floats down 16 aided by an ordinary electric fan 17 and tickles Father Time 18. Then Emily resets the machine and repeats 13,000 times or until Father Time is tickled to death (which ever comes first).

Emily's Time Out & Machine

On one god-awful boring day,

Emily uncovered and discovered an inventive way...

That re-invents, interpolates, and imaginizes,

To visit strange worlds through her boring appliances...

Out of this world into a movie, book, song, or land...

Into the real, imaginative, and what no one can understand.

What you'll see in these strange places is up to you,

As you supply the source that tells the machine what to do.

You can sample anything,
from fossils to the gum on your shoe...

To keep you from being bored,
there's nothing this machine won't do.



Emily didn't know what she should do.
She needed tons of juice for her Strange Brew.
The she remembered her boots...
which took her back to her roots,
and the punks became the stompin' crew.

Strange
Brew



??
**so bored
in the
USA**

On one blue day, when Emily was bored,
it was Miles Davis that struck the right chord...
the next thing she knew, she was in the Bitches Brew...
and she came home with some cat she adored!



COME HOME WITH ME!
OK!



?? Boring cereal. ??



Hey,
that's it!



Regular boring cereal? NEVER!
Emily (being rather clever)...
made a long distance call
to George, Ringo, John and Paul,
which produced strawberry fields FOREVER!



CANTA FORD 2-B BORED





IT'S HARD

IS MY BROKEN RECORD RECORD A RECORD BREAKER???

WHAT A VISION?

WORK HARD FOR IT

I'M SICK OF IT

THIS LINE IS TOO LONG

REMEMBER YOUR LINES

I CAN'T STAND IT

WHAT IS IT?

YOU'RE NO HELP

I'M FEELING LOW

I'M BORED

I NEED A VISION

IS THIS A TEST

WHAT SHOULD I SAY

WE'RE NOT THERE YET

HOW R-U DOING?

I'M SO NERVOUS

OUT OF SITE

CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH

WOW

DONT BOTHER ME

WE ARE ALL REAL STRANGE HERE

ORIGINAL BAD KITTY

pillowgoat

Good evening:
and welcome to...

Scarytale Theater

HAPPILY NEVER AFTER

The originals were boring
We fixed'm up.



Welcome to our charming tale,
the tale of a young girl's
triumphant rise from the
cinders of oppression.





Will she escape the mediocre clutches
of her suburban stepfamily???

Read on, gentle reader...



There's the evil stepfather
Ohmigod, she's so odd!

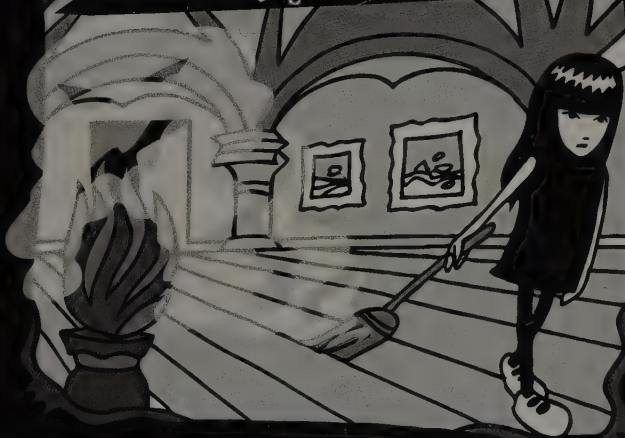


Emily, why don't you stop
that fooling around and
come to the homecoming
with us?

Umm, I have to finish
sweeping the lawn.

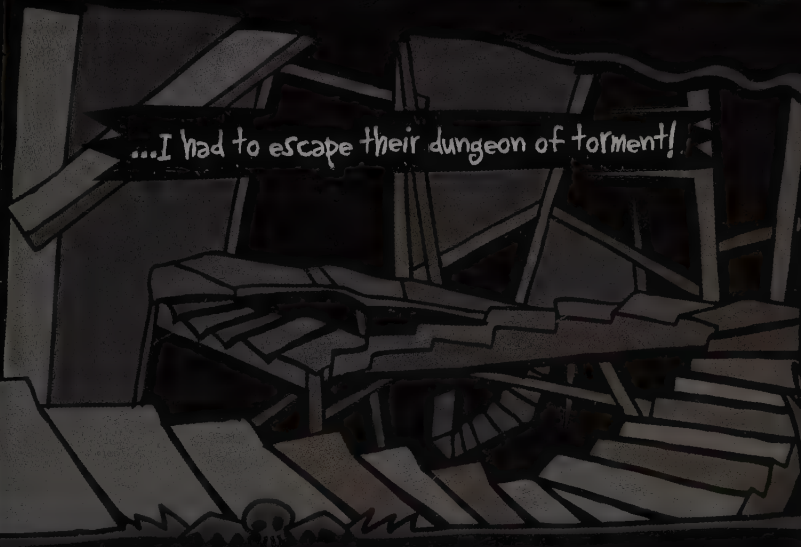
I'd been captive for thirteen hours
and I was out of my head with boredom.

Only a strict routine of filthy chores kept
me from losing my mind in that hellhole...



CELLAR

...I had to escape their dungeon of torment!







Emily, we'll make you
a dress to wear
to homecoming!

yeah!

It's— it's just perfect!

Perfect...
for cleaning out the
fireplace, that is!

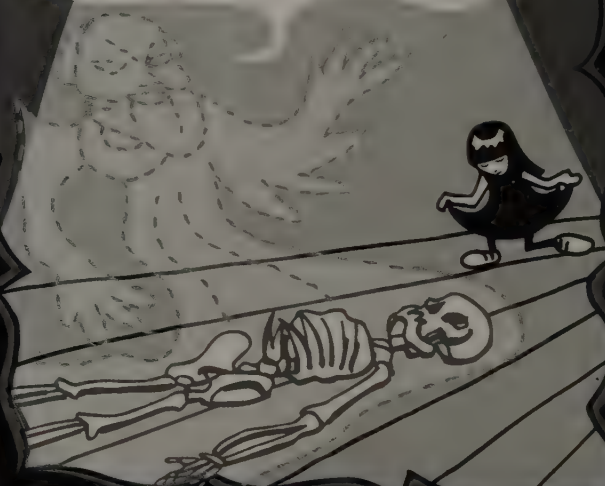
Imagine Emily
at homecoming!
As if!



...her stepmother
had NOT become a
widow accidentally!



Emily, my only daughter!
You are right, I was murdered!



You've got to help me
take revenge!

It would be my pleasure!

Emily! Get these bags!



I'm just gonna give you the sweeps!

Revengeful
Death Ash!

Nooo!

Thank you, Emily!

I may be ODD,
but I always get EVEN!

See you next time,
when you'll hear
Emily say...

What? I said,
see you next time.

Emily

Turn "Emily" upside down, and see something strange. For more useless word tricks, turn your wallet upside down & send us your money!

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FAKE BLOOD!

really you don't need this- you should have plenty of the real stuff! Turn your boring self into something worth looking at!



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You ever heard of... "boring, boring, the old man is snoring"? Well you will now! One dose and the comatose will rock your world...

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Food Loaf getting you down? Let your inner bug out! A few drops of this tincture and your HEAD will explode! (not to worry- you probably won't miss it)



Strange Sauce
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I bet you ARE! There's nothing wrong with that... More for the rest of us to do! In fact, in our detailed informational booklet, you can easily learn how to let the rest of us do ALL OF YOUR stinking work.

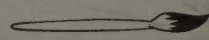
How to Let Us Get Ahead While You Sleep
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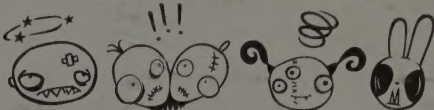
Paint It Black

Paint unwanted obnoxiously colored bright goodies all black. Achieve the entire spectrum! Get back in black and color me BAD!

Paint it Black Kit
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ARE YOU UGLY?

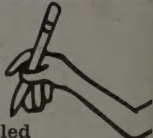


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ZZZZZZZZ

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THINK HARD



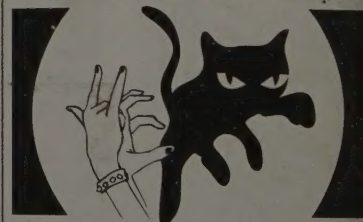
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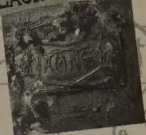
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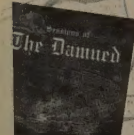
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